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Please find below and/or attached an Office communication concerning this application or proceeding.

*Supplemental*  
**Notice of Allowability**

Application No.  
**09/625,542**

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Examiner  
**AMARE MENGISTU**

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**--The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address--**

All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course.

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1. ☒ This communication is responsive to an amendment filed on July 25, 2000
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 7-15, now renumbered as claims 1-9
3. ☐ The drawings filed on \_\_\_\_\_ are accepted by the Examiner.
4. ☒ Acknowledgement is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d).  
a) ☒ All    b) ☐ Some\*    c) ☐ None of the:  
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.  
2. ☒ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. 07/475,849  
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this national stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
- \*Certified copies not received: \_\_\_\_\_

5. ☐ Acknowledgement is made of a claim for domestic priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(e) (to a provisional application).  
(a) ☐ The translation of the foreign language provisional application has been received.
6. ☐ Acknowledgement is made of a claim for domestic priority under 35 U.S.C. §§ 120 and/or 121.

Applicant has THREE MONTHS FROM THE "MAILING DATE" of this communication to file a reply complying with the requirements noted below. Failure to timely comply will result in ABANDONMENT of this application. **THIS THREE-MONTH PERIOD IS NOT EXTENDABLE.**

7. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
8. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS must be submitted.  
(a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached  
1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No. \_\_\_\_\_  
(b) ☐ including changes required by the proposed drawing correction filed \_\_\_\_\_, which has been approved by the examiner.  
(c) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment/Comment or in the Office action of Paper No. \_\_\_\_\_.

Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the top margin (not the back) of each sheet. The drawings should be filed as a separate paper with a transmittal letter addressed to the Official Draftsperson.

9. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

**Attachment(s)**

- 1 ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 3 ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 5 ☒ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449), Paper No(s). 2
- 7 ☐ Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit of Biological Material
- 9 ☐ Other
- 2 ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
- 4 ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413), Paper No. \_\_\_\_\_
- 6 ☐ Examiner's Amendment/Comment
- 8 ☐ Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance

*Amare Mengistu*  
**AMARE MENGISTU**  
**PRIMARY EXAMINER**  
**ART UNIT 2673**

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## **DETAILED ACTION**

### ***Allowable Subject Matter***

1. Claims 7-15 are allowed.
2. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance: the prior art has failed to teach *"wherein the X direction driver includes a clock terminal which receives a clock signal provided from an external device and M ports which receive M dots multi-tone digital data, each of the M dots multi-tone digital data represents driving voltages of the R,G, and B, each of the R,G, and B being  $2^N$  tones, where M and N are each integers of 2 or more, and wherein the M ports receive n dots multi-tone digital data with n/M clock pulse of the clock signal provided via the clock terminal, where n is integer of 2 or more"*.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

3. Any inquiry concerning this communication should be directed to Amare Mengistu at telephone number (703) 305-4880.

***Any response to this action should be mailed to:***

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*Any inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status of this application  
or proceeding should be directed to the Technology Center 2600 Customer Service  
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*Augst 14,2002*

  
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